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Art Promotes Nature Display at the National Museum on April 1

The National Museum and the U.S. Embassy in Guyana are proud to co-host an art display promoting nature photography that encourages tourism. The display highlights the winners of the U.S. Embassy's Guyana is Gorgeous photography competition. The U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Thomas Pierce and the Honorable Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce Manniram Prashad will give remarks at the 10:00 a.m. opening ceremony on April 1 at the National Museum. The ceremony will launch a two-week exhibition.

Marcia Girard took the first and second most popular photos and Compton Victor Sarabo took the third most popular photo, according to voting on Facebook. Janice Sukhraj took the fourth most popular photo and Jermaine Grant took the fifth and sixth most popular photos. Honorable mentions go to Theleisha De Souza, Rashawna Alleyne, Amanda Richards, Vanessa Narine, Shane Brebner, Vidya Bijlall Sanichara, and Orin Chase for excellent photos.

The U.S. Park System was powerfully promoted by some of the greatest artists in U.S. history – the Hudson River painters, John J. Audubon and, of course, the legendary photographer Ansel Adams. The art display at the National Museum will include some prints from these artistic ancestors. Artists have always been inspired by nature and their work has often inspired people to visit the places of natural beauty. This symbolic and symbiotic relationship between art and nature tourism sets the theme for this display.

The media is invited to cover the event.

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